

# Commonly Encountered Sharks in the Pacific



**Common thresher shark (ALV)**

*Features:* Upper lobe of the caudal fin similar in size to the rest of the body; White abdomen.



**Oceanic whitetip shark\* (OCS)**

*Features:* First dorsal and pectoral fins clearly broad and rounded, with spotted white tips.



**Silky shark\* (FAL)**

*Features:* Dorsal fin is small and clearly beyond pectoral fins; copper-brown body fading to white, white ventrally; long free rear tips on first and second dorsal and second anal fin.



**Pelagic stingray (PLS)**

*Features:* Characterised by the wedge-like shape of its pectoral fin disc, it is much wider than long, as well as by the pointed teeth in both sexes, whip-like tail with extremely long tail spine, and uniform violet to blue-green colouration.



**Blue shark (BSH)**

*Features:* A long, slender, soft-looking body, with a long and pointy snout. The top of its body is a deep and pearly blue that fades to white on its sides.



**Shortfin mako shark (SMA)**

*Features:* Pectoral fins shorter than head. Upper and lower lobes of caudal fin nearly the same length.

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## Smooth hammerhead (SPZ)

*Features: Front margin of head is arched, with no central indentation; Pelvic fins with straight posterior tip.*



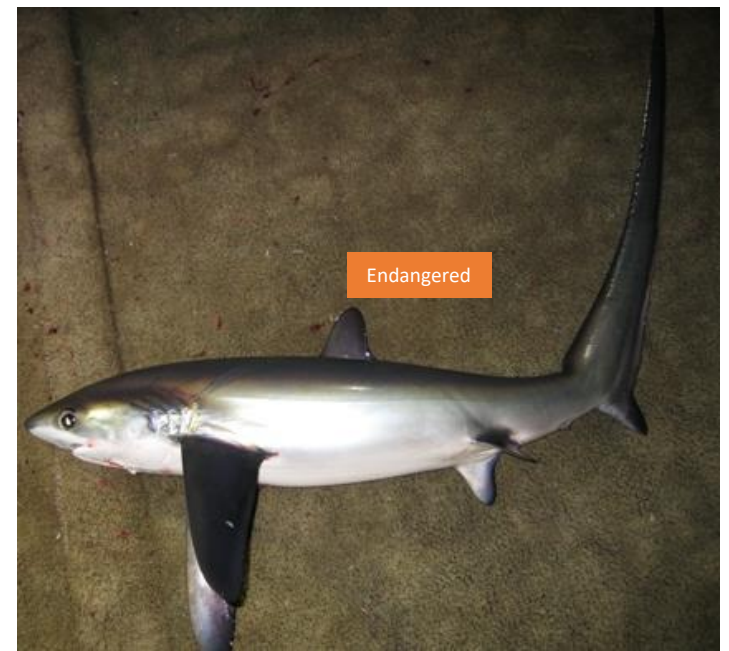
## Scalloped hammerhead (SPL)

*Features: Front Margin of the head arched, with central indentation; Pelvic fins with straight posterior tips.*



## Great hammerhead (SPK)

*Features: Almost straight front margin of the head, with central indentation; First dorsal fin tall and curved in upper park; Pelvic fins with curved posterior tips.*



## Pelagic thresher (PTH)

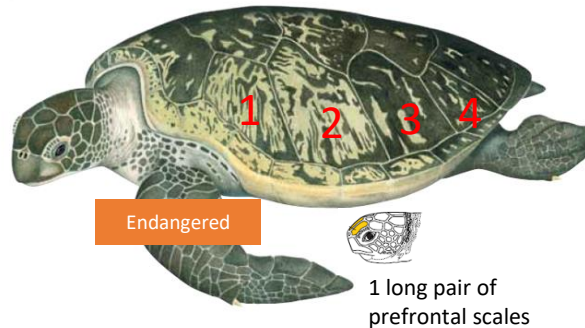
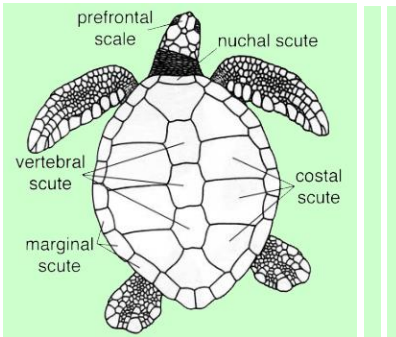
*Features: Greatly elongated upper lobes of caudal fins. First dorsal fin is placed halfway between the pectoral and pelvic fins*



## Bigeye thresher (BTH)

*Features: Greatly elongated upper lobes of caudal fins. First dorsal fin is placed halfway between the pectoral and pelvic fins.*

# Commonly Encountered Sea Turtles in the Pacific

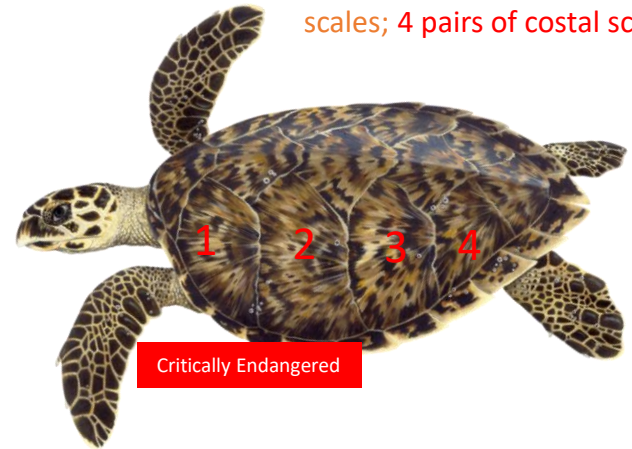


Endangered

1 long pair of prefrontal scales

## Green turtle (TUG)

*Features:* olive-green carapace with black spots in adults (> 90 cm); brick red with a few streaks in sub-adults (15–90 cm). 1 long pair of prefrontal scales. 4 pairs of costal scutes.



Critically Endangered

## Hawksbill turtle (TTH)

*Features:* reddish-brown to orange carapace with dark brown to black markings; 2 pairs of prefrontal scales; 4 pairs of costal scutes

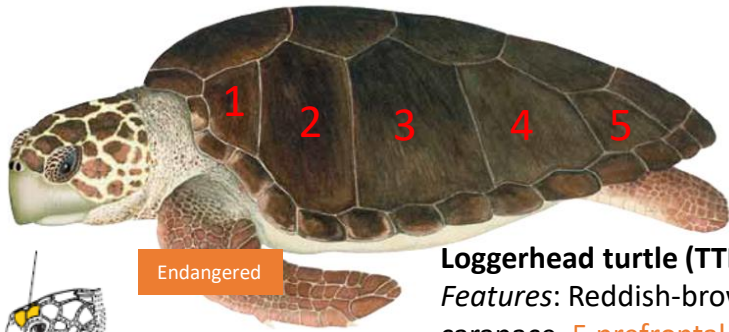


Vulnerable

2 pairs of prefrontal scales

## Olive Ridley turtle (LKV)

*Features:* Green to dark brownish-green carapace. 2 pairs of prefrontal scales. 5 or more pairs of costal scutes.

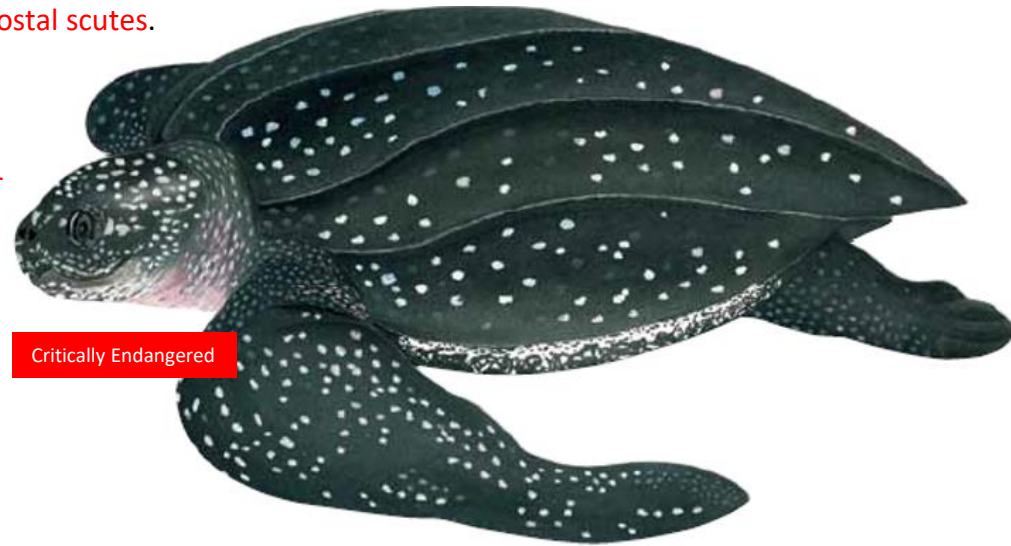


Endangered

5 prefrontal scales

## Loggerhead turtle (TTL)

*Features:* Reddish-brown to orange-brown carapace. 5 prefrontal scales; single one in between 2 pairs. 5 pairs of costal scutes.

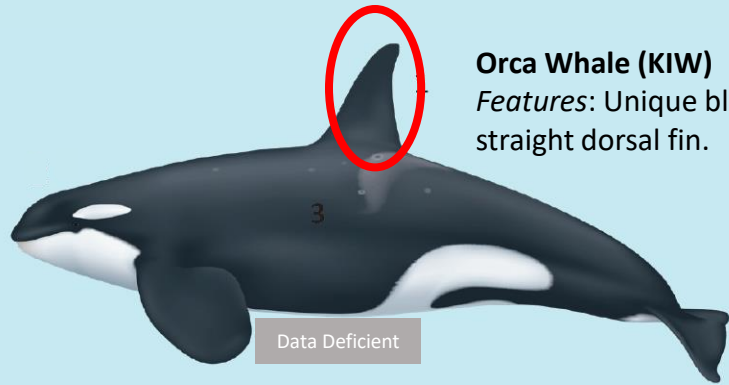


Critically Endangered

## Leatherback turtle (DKK)

*Features:* Whole body similar colour, bluish-back with white spots. The animal does not have scales.

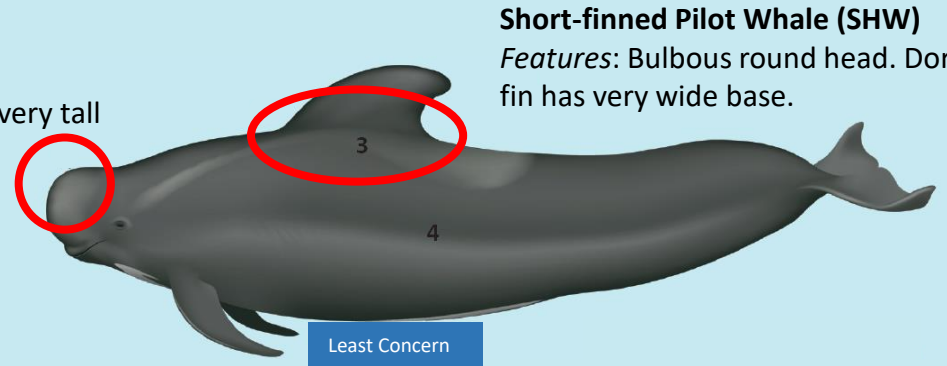
# Commonly Encountered Cetaceans in the Pacific



**Orca Whale (KIW)**

*Features:* Unique black and white pattern, very tall straight dorsal fin.

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**Short-finned Pilot Whale (SHW)**

*Features:* Bulbous round head. Dorsal fin has very wide base.

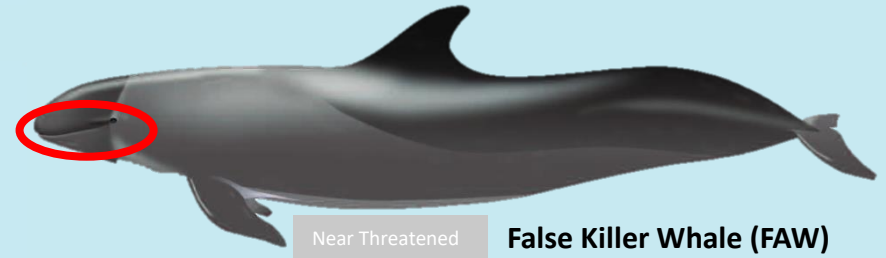
Least Concern



**Humpback Whale (HUW)**

*Features:* tubercles on the head. Very long flippers up to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of total body length.

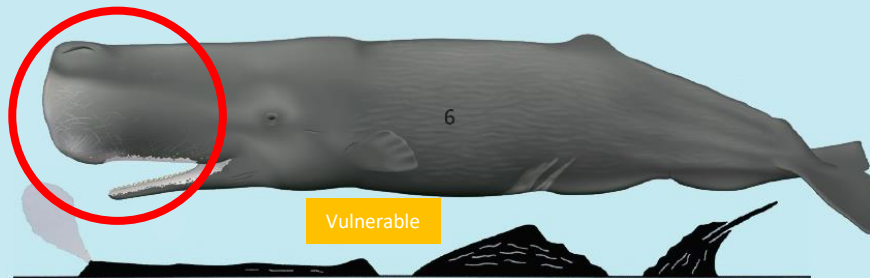
Least Concern



Near Threatened

**False Killer Whale (FAW)**

*Features:* Straight mouth line. Long Slim tapered head. Distinctive hump on front margin of flippers.

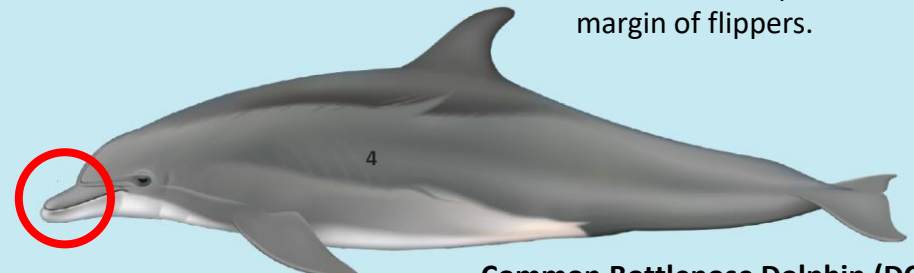


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Vulnerable

**Sperm Whale (SPW)**

*Features:* Huge square head. Narrow under-slung lower jaw.

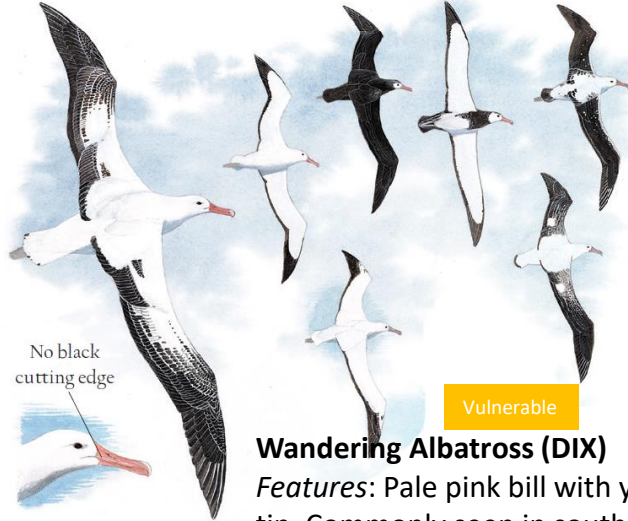


Least Concern

**Common Bottlenose Dolphin (DCO)**

*Features:* Short stocky beak separated from melon by a crease. Dark slate gray fading lighter below.

# Commonly Encountered Seabirds in the Pacific



## Wandering Albatross (DIX)

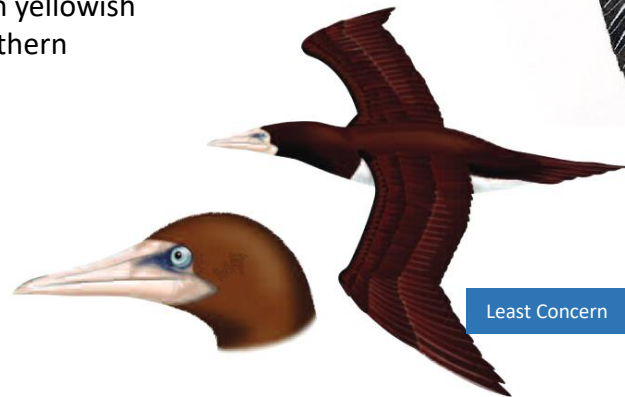
*Features:* Pale pink bill with yellowish tip. Commonly seen in southern latitudes year-round.



## Sooty Shearwater (PFG)

*Features:* Dark brown/grey thin bill. Silvery underwing.

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## Boobies and Gannets (SZV)

*Features:* Long wings spanning up to 2.2m. Wedge-shaped tail. Stout conical Bill.



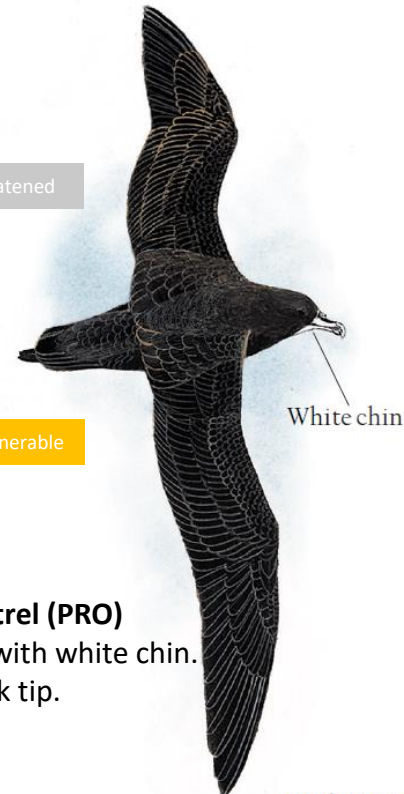
## Sub-Antarctic Skua (CAQ)

*Features:* White window on wing. No separate or fused tubes, just nasal cavities instead.



## Spectacled Petrel

Vulnerable



## White-chinned Petrel (PRO)

*Features:* All dark with white chin. Yellow bill, no black tip.

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